
TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Emergency Rule
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DIGEST

Temporarily amends [312 IAC 9-4-5](#), which governs annual seasons, bag limits, hunting restrictions, and shooting hours for taking geese, to establish a season in February 2008 for taking Canada geese (*Branta canadensis*) in 30 Indiana counties and to establish a season in spring 2008 for taking lesser snow geese and Ross's geese in support of a federal effort to control the numbers of these mid-continent light geese. Effective February 1, 2008.

SECTION 1. (a) This document is supplemental to [312 IAC 9-4-5](#).

(b) A person may take a Canada goose (*Branta canadensis*) under this SECTION of this document from February 1 through February 15, 2008.

(c) A person must obtain a free permit from the department to take a Canada goose under this SECTION.

(d) In order to take a Canada goose under this SECTION, a person must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- (1) Possess a valid Indiana hunting license issued under [IC 14-22-11-10](#), [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(2\)](#), [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(3\)](#), [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(6\)](#), [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(10\)](#), [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(24\)](#), [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(2\)](#), [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(4\)](#), or [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(5\)](#) or be exempt from needing a license as authorized in [IC 14-22-11-1](#).
- (2) Possess a valid Indiana waterfowl stamp privilege issued under [IC 14-22-7-4](#).
- (3) Possess a valid Harvest Information Program registration number issued under [312 IAC 9-4-2](#).
- (4) Possess a valid and signed federal duck stamp under 50 CFR 20.

(e) A person must comply with all requirements for hunting waterfowl in 50 CFR 20, [IC 14-22-6](#), and [312 IAC 9](#).

(f) A person may take a Canada goose in the following counties only:

- (1) Adams.
- (2) Allen.
- (3) Boone.
- (4) Clay.
- (5) Dekalb.
- (6) Elkhart.
- (7) Greene.
- (8) Hamilton.
- (9) Hancock.
- (10) Hendricks.
- (11) Huntington.
- (12) Johnson.
- (13) Kosciusko.
- (14) LaGrange.
- (15) LaPorte.
- (16) Madison.
- (17) Marion.
- (18) Marshall.
- (19) Morgan.
- (20) Noble.
- (21) Parke.
- (22) Shelby.
- (23) Starke.
- (24) Steuben.
- (25) St. Joseph.
- (26) Sullivan.
- (27) Vermillion.

- (28) Vigo.
- (29) Wells.
- (30) Whitley.

(g) A person may take no more than five (5) Canada geese per day. The possession limit is ten (10) Canada geese.

(h) A person must not hunt a Canada goose under this SECTION except from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset.

(i) A person who takes a Canada goose under this subsection must take the goose carcass to an official checking station for registration on the occurrence of the earlier of the following:

- (1) Within forty-eight (48) hours of the taking of the goose.
- (2) Before the goose is removed from this state.

The person who takes the goose carcass to an official checking station for registration must provide accurate information for the check station logs. The head, a fully feathered wing, and reproductive parts of the goose must remain attached to the carcass until the goose has been registered at an official checking station.

SECTION 2. SECTION 1 of this document expires February 16, 2008.

SECTION 3. (a) A person may take a lesser snow goose (*Anser caerulescens caerulescens*) or a Ross's goose (*Anser rossii*) under this SECTION of this document from February 1, 2008, through March 31, 2008.

(b) In order to take a lesser snow goose or a Ross's goose under this SECTION, a person must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- (1) Possess a valid Indiana hunting license issued under [IC 14-22-11-10](#), [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(2\)](#), [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(3\)](#), [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(6\)](#), [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(10\)](#), [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(24\)](#), [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(2\)](#), [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(4\)](#), or [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(5\)](#) or be exempt from needing a license as authorized in [IC 14-22-11-1](#).
- (2) Possess a valid Indiana waterfowl stamp privilege issued under [IC 14-22-7-4](#).

(c) In addition to the requirements in subsection (b), a person must obtain a free permit from the department to take a lesser snow goose or Ross's goose under this SECTION.

(d) A person taking a lesser snow goose or Ross's goose under this SECTION is exempted from the requirements under [312 IAC 9-4-2](#) to register for and possess an identification number through the Harvest Information Program.

SECTION 4. SECTION 3 of this document expires on April 1, 2008.

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